

# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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## Deck the hall with boughs of holly...

How fast has this year gone!  
On Saturday, 10 December 2022, we had a special visit from 'you know who' at the Porongurup Hall.

The local playgroup hosted the community Christmas party with fun and games for the kids. The older kids, ie the adults, stayed on for a BBQ and end of year chat.

The hall looked very festive, we thank the local organizing committee.



**Local kids entertained by Santa. When he stopped at the Tearooms to ask for directions he was kindly transported to the event by the Porongurup Bushfire Brigade!**

## Porongurup Craft Group

The local craft group continue to inspire with their combined wealth of experience and sharing of knowledge.

On the 8th of December they were seen spinning in the larger hall (versus in the

smaller meeting room) and learned how to make folded page Christmas Trees and much more. A fine example of the book folding is on display (and for sale) in the Porongurup Tearooms with the word 'Porongurup' folded. You would not want

to spell that wrong now would you!

Fiona Glenn showed off her steam dyed silk scarf where she used under-ripe blood wood stems for an interesting result.

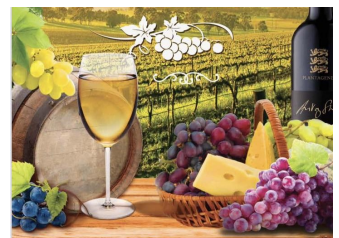
Source: [facebook.com/porongurupcraftgroup](https://www.facebook.com/porongurupcraftgroup)



## Mount Barker Wine-Down

Are you looking for an excuse to 'Wine-Down' after the Christmas and New Year festivities? Check out Plantagenet Wines on Monday 2 January from 2pm to 7 pm.

For more information [www.foodandwine.events/event/17231602-a/mount-barker-wine-down](http://www.foodandwine.events/event/17231602-a/mount-barker-wine-down)



Wooditchup  
(Margaret River)



Northcliffe



Borongur  
(Porongurup)



Fitzgerald Biosphere



Karlkurla / Garlgula  
(Kalgoorlie)



## The Stars Descend - Porongurup

an Annette Carmichael Project

The Stars Descend is a trail of dance and sound performances that magnify the beauty and biodiversity of southern Western Australia, inspiring climate hope and action in regional communities across the 1000km Gondwana Link.

**Chapter 3 of The Stars Descend is a dance and sound performance that happens outdoors at Twin Creeks Bushland Reserve, Porongurup on Friday, 24th March 2023.**

Buses will be available from Mount Barker Town Hall and Porongurup Tearooms as no parking will be

available at the reserve due to the nature of the performance itself.

A Community Celebration will be hosted by the Friends of the Porongurup Range after the event.

The Stars Descend has been created with professional artists and community members from Porongurup, Albany and Denmark.

For ticket information checkout <https://events.humanitix.com/chapter-3-the-stars-descend-porongurup>



**Our locals rehearsing**



**Photos: Nic Duncan**

## Easter Bazaar - yep, its back again...

*“Peaceful, tranquility and the tweeting chatter of small birds, that is how I found the Bald Head Trail today.”*

It’s official, for all you craft lovers, the Porongurup Craft Group confirm they will be returning for the 4 day Easter weekend in 2023.

We can’t wait to see what these talented ladies will be producing for you.

Interested in joining the



**Photo: Friends of the Porongurup**

group, check them out in the Hall every Thurs 10 am.



**Limited opening of this gallery!**

## Draw card for tourists, but have you walked Bald Head?

After being closed for much of 2022 **Bald Head Walk Trail has reopened** after a lengthy revitalisation project to “address erosion issues and protect the fragile environment along the peninsula” (Life of Py).

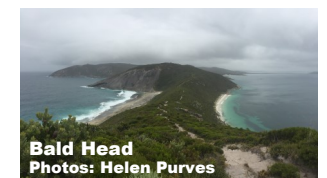
Hard core bushwalkers will enjoy this 12.5km return, 6-8 hour hike over Isthmus Hill to Flinders Peninsula and on to Limestone Head and *Bald Head*.

Alerted 2 days prior to the closure on 01.02.22 for maintenance, I immediately

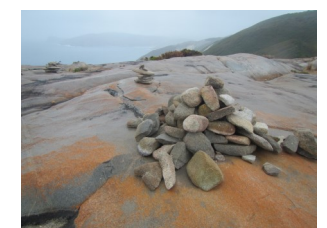
planned a walk. Whilst my husband was dreaming about his Bunnings shopping list, I had an early start on 30.01.22. But not as early as a lovely Kiwi mother and daughter I met on the trail, who started at 5 am. They came from Perth the day prior just to do the walk and drove back that afternoon for work the next day. They were quicker than me, but my 6 hours 45 minute effort was fine by me. A brilliant, varied walk!

[www.trailswa.com.au](http://www.trailswa.com.au)

And to finish another friends asked me, "why on earth would you want to walk that on Sunday for?"



**Bald Head Photos: Helen Purves**



# Wildflowers - featuring the Southern Cross Flower

As we come to the end of the amazing wildflower season in the Porongurup and surrounds, we feature a common but beautiful favourite the Southern Cross. It flowers in a range of colours from white to speckled pinks.

*Xanthosia rotundifolia* is a species of the plant family Apiaceae, but sometimes also placed in Araliaceae or Mackinlayaceae.

The informal name of this species, **southern cross**, is derived from the common name of the constellation Crux. The flowers, white in

colour, symmetrical, and cruciform in outline, are reminiscent of the distinctive southern stars.<sup>1</sup>

Its habit is as a shrub between 0.35 metres (1.1 ft) to 0.8 metres (2.6 ft) in height. It only occurs in southern regions of Southwest Australia, in a variety of soils over granite or laterite. It was first described by de Candolle in 1829.

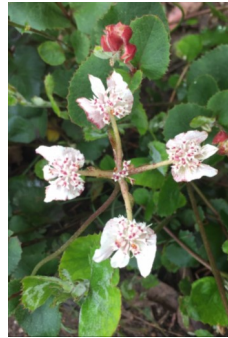


Photo: Helen Purves

Source: Wikipedia



## Porongurup Easter Markets

To complement the holiday atmosphere during Easter it wouldn't be the same if the Porongurup Tearooms didn't host the Easter Markets.

To enquire for a stall contact Scott Drummond at the shop.

To visit, save the date in your calendar.



“At over 1 billion years old, the oldest mountain range in the world – the unique Porongurup.”

## Did you know the Snow Ball celebrates 20 years in 2023!

Saturday, 5 August 2023 celebrates 20 years of the local Porongurup Snow Ball.

We hear the band is booked.

But get in quick, this popular event sells out each year..

But if in doubt about tickets, speak to our President, Scott Drummond, at the Tearooms.

Tickets won't be available until June, but we recommend you put the date in your calendar.



Photos: Sayah Drummond



Explore, enjoy, revive

The Porongurup Community Association Inc. is a small but active group of volunteers who's objective is to foster community spirit and fellowship in the Porongurup.

The Porongurup Hall is managed by The (PCA). Events at the hall include art exhibitions, balls, craft groups, charity lunches and more.

Thank you, to you, our members, for your interest in our community group. If you have any questions about the activities in our region, or the region itself, please feel free to contact either Scott (shop@porongurupinn.com.au), Fiona (fionajglenn@gmail.com), or myself (helen\_s\_purves@bigpond.com). We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe festive season.

## Your Porongurup Community Association Team

President: Scott Drummond; Treasurer: Fiona Glenn; Secretary: Helen Purves

Committee: Lucia Quearry, Strawb Healy, Leanne Cluet, Peter Purves, Sayah Drummond

## SOP Community Engagement Meeting

Tuesday, 7th February 2023, at 6pm in the Porongurup Hall. The meetings will provide a public forum for residents to have their say on local matters and be updated on the progress of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

## Keep track of events in our Region

There are a number of websites that keep track of the range of activities that occur in our region.

Check out the following:

[mountbarkerwa.com.au](http://mountbarkerwa.com.au)

[greatsouthern treasures.com.au](http://greatsouthern treasures.com.au)

[porongurupinn.com.au](http://porongurupinn.com.au)



**Castle Rock looking towards the Stirlings  
Photo: Helen Purves**



**Gondwana Link Sculpture at Twin Creeks**

**What are you waiting for.... Be Amazed!**